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SUBJECT: FAR MODERNIZATION SURVEY TEAM

FOR NEA DEP ASSTSECY SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: MUSLO 251545Z FEB 75 (RETRANSMITTED); USCINCEUR 271104Z FEB 75

1. WE WISH DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT TRAINING SURVEY TEAM MUSLO HAS REQUESTED PER MESSAGE CITED ABOVE WILL DEVELOP DATA AND PROJECTIONS THAT WE MAY FIND HIGHLY USEFUL IN PREPARING FOR KING'S LATE APRIL VISIT. MUSLO EXPECTATION IS THAT TEAM WILL FOCUS ON SPECIFIC POTENTIAL BOTTLENECKS THAT ARE LIKELY TO LIE AHEAD IN REGARD ESSENTIAL TRAINING LEAD TIMES AND THAT THIS IN TURN WILL MAKE POSSIBLE ORDERLY ANALYSIS OF HOW INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT DELIVERY LEAD TIMES AS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED FIT INTO TOTAL PICTURE. I THINK YOU WILL AGREE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE DEFENSIBLE POSITIONS ON WHICH EQUIPMENT LEAD TIMES, IF ANY, ARE REALLY LIKELY TO HOLD UP GENERAL PACE OF PROGRAM, AND WHICH ONES ARE CONSISTENT WITH ESSENTIAL TRAINING LEAD TIMES. AND, PARTICULARLY, THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THESE POSITIONS BY APRIL 22, SINCE KING WILL PRESUMABLY WANT SOME DISCUSSION OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WHILE HE IN WASHINGTON.

 $2.\,$ MUSLO ESTIMATES THAT TRAINING TEAM CAN DO ITS JOB HERE CONFIDENTIAL

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IN ABOUT A THREE WEEK PERIOD. WE ARE ABOUT SEVEN

WEEKS AWAY FROM THE STATE VISIT. I CONCLUDE WE SHOULD GET THE TEAM OUT HERE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. I UNDERSTAND DOD IS HANDLING MUSLO REQUEST AS PRIORITY MATTER, BUT IT MIGHT HELP FOR YOU TO CHECK AND IF NECESSARY GIVE SOME ENCOURAGEMENT. (WE SHALL OF COURSE NEED SOME TIME TO DIGEST THE INFO TEAM HAS DEVELOPED AFTER ITS THREE WEEKS IN FIELD.)

3. LEAVE IT ENTIRELY TO YOUR SURE TOUCH HOW TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION. NEUMANN

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